

Week Ending September 7, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 7, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting corn, rice and hay. Soil moisture conditions were rated 11 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 41 percent adequate.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dent	100	96	100	100	2	5	22	53	18
	Mature	88	84	96	90					
	Grain Harvested	49	26	51	41					
	Silage Harvested	86	79	94	86					
Cotton	Open Bolls	36	17	83	66	2	8	28	47	15
Rice	Heading	99	90	100	98	0	4	18	67	11
	Mature	51	20	65	67					
	Harvested	12	4	24	24					
Sorghum	Turning Color	93	90	98	96	0	8	30	56	6
	Mature	82	64	89	82					
	Harvested	24	---	61	45					
	Silage Harvested	61	---	74	68					
Soybeans	Blooming	98	97	100	100	2	10	26	51	11
	Setting Pods	92	90	100	97					
	Turning Color	32	28	59	42					
	Shedding Leaves	23	16	45	23					
Watermelons	Harvested	100	99	100	100	0	6	38	27	29
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	88	85	91	---	1	7	35	53	8
Peaches	Harvested	100	99	100	100	---	---	---	---	---
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	8	4	26	28	0	6	38	27	29
Peanuts						0	0	3	96	1
Cattle						1	3	15	65	16
Pasture						3	9	27	48	13

County Agent Comments

"Rice and corn harvesting operations are going good. Yields should be average to a little above average. Some early soybean harvesting has also gotten underway."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"Late crops need rain, especially late planted soybeans. Corn harvest will be completed by the middle of September. Milo, rice and early soybean harvest will begin this week."

— Mack Young, Quitman County

"Soil conditions are really dry. Late soybean and hay crops need a good rain. Hay, corn and silage harvest is progressing rapidly. Worm pressure is being experienced in some soybean fields."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"Hay harvesting has been progressing at a fast pace. Cotton has begun to open, and corn harvesting has started with decent yields. Late soybeans have some insect problems; however, many of our soybean fields are shedding leaves, and harvesting will begin this week."

— Eddie Harris, Humphreys County

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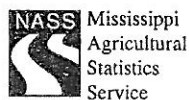
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Weather Summary from September 1, 1997 to September 7, 1997 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	94	54	78			0.26		3	0.59				
Cleveland	94	46	74	77	-3	0.00	-0.63	0	1.61	89	75	81	
Tunica	94	46	76	77	-1	0.13	-0.50	2	1.10	89	75	81	
Extreme/Average													
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	92	47	72	75	-3	0.84	+0.02	2	1.79	90	66	79	0.19
Memphis	94	53	76	78	-2	0.00	-0.69	0	2.77				
Oxford	93	52	74	76	-1	0.00	-0.87	0	3.67				
Extreme/Average	94	47	74	76	-2	0.28	-0.51	1	2.74	90	66	79	0.19
3. Northeast													
Booneville	89	52	73	76	-3	0.98	+0.16	2	3.56				
Corinth	95	51	77	77	+1	0.24	-0.60	1	4.50				
Iuka													
Pontotoc	92	53	75	76	-2	0.30	-0.60	1	4.48	94	70	82	0.21
Tupelo	91	54	75	77	-2	0.00	-0.64	0	3.10				
Verona	93	55	74			0.00		0	0.33	90	71	81	0.24
Extreme/Average	95	51	75	77	-2	0.30	-0.50	1	3.19	94	70	81	0.22
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	95	60	79	78	+1	0.59	-0.12	1	6.09	98	82	90	
Greenwood	94	57	77	79	-2	0.55	-0.16	1	1.48				
Rolling Fork	97	59	79			0.61	-0.21	2	1.07	100	81	91	0.22
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	96	61	80	79	+1	0.61	-0.27	1	3.52				
Extreme/Average	97	57	79	79	0	0.59	-0.19	1	3.04	100	81	91	0.22
5. Central													
Carthage						0.08	-0.77	1	4.21				
Jackson	95	64	79	79	0	0.00	-0.77	0	0.00				
Winona	92	55	74	76	-2	0.00	-0.92	0	2.53				
Extreme/Average	95	55	76	77	-1	0.03	-0.82	0	2.25				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-1.04	0	5.13				
Columbus	95	59	78			0.00		0	2.92				
State University	94	50	77	79	-2	0.00	-0.76	0	2.47	97	69	81	
Extreme/Average	95	50	77	79	-2	0.00	-0.90	0	3.51	97	69	81	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	96	65	80			0.15		1	1.03	96	79	87	
Natchez	94	60	80	79	0	0.30	-0.69	2	0.50				
Oakley	96	57	78			0.19	-0.62	2	3.79	92	74	83	
Vicksburg	94	61	79			0.00		0	3.64				
Extreme/Average	96	57	79	79	0	0.16	-0.74	1	2.24	96	74	85	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	96	66	81	79	+2	0.21	-1.32	1	0.55				
McComb	94	65	80	79	+2	1.43	+0.18	2	2.66				
Extreme/Average	96	65	81	79	+2	0.82	-0.57	2	1.61				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	98	64	82			0.36		2	0.57	103	78	88	
Hattiesburg	98	66	81	80	+2	0.20	-0.87	1	0.50				
Laurel													
Meridian	94	57	78	79	-1	0.16	-0.95	1	1.36				
Newton	94	59	78	77	+1	0.66	-0.54	1	2.72	88	71	80	0.19
Extreme/Average	98	57	80	79	+1	0.35	-0.78	1	1.29	103	71	84	0.19
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	99	67	81			0.47		2	1.83				
Biloxi	97	68	81			0.22		1	2.25				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula	93	64	79	84	-5	0.48	-1.75	1	1.47				
Poplarville	97	67	81	79	+2	0.60	-0.96	3	5.19	98	73	85	0.26
Extreme/Average	99	64	81	82	-1	0.44	-1.46	2	2.69	98	73	85	0.26
State	99	46	78	78	-1	0.31	-0.70	1	2.37	103	66	83	0.22

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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